order to widen the existing roads and you find these people are planting posts within 8 to 12 feet of that area. They have not actually begun the operations except marking in the Chalakkudi road. From the way in which they have planted the posts in the Shoranur road, just outside the Municipal limits, in order to take electricity to the water pumping station, I am led to believe that they will spoil the Chalakkudy road if not properly checked. Large parts of the road that have been acquired at high cost have been rendered useless by them for the purpose of traffic. The whole place has been disfigured. I do not know whether these people have been given any license to do as they liked. I find no officer checking it. I find two or three hatted boys in the spirit of "I am the monarch of all I survey" going about to mark the places for planting posts. I do not know whether the Government is under any obligation to give them the sides of the road for planting posts. It is a private concern and if they want to take electricity from one place to another it is their duty to purcharse the lands through which they propose to take power. They have absolutely no right to encroach on the roads which have been acquired at very heavy costs. I, therefore, request the Government to look into the matter immediately and see that no part of the road is taken up by these people. If the Government is under any contractual obligations to give them the sides of the road they may be asked to do it at the extreme end of the road. With these few words and in the hope that the Government will give their best considerations to them before the Electric Company is allowed to work in the Trichur—Chalakkudy road, I do formally move the motion but I do not wish to press it.

Demand was put and carried.

18. Rs. 3,750 under '29—A. Civil Engineering—I.R.'

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Joint Secretary to Government).*—Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 3,750 under Civil Engineering. This amount is necessary for reasons stated in the notes to the Standing Finance Committee. The south bund of the river was damaged and repairs have to be executed urgently. The expenditure could not be anticipated at the time of framing the budget. Savings are also not available for reappropriation. Hence the necessity for the additional allotment.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*—Sir, I wish to say a few words in this connection. This amount is proposed to be

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spent for strengthening and completing the bund on the southern side of the Karuvannur river. There is a section of the public who believe, and I think even expert opinion is divided on that matter, that the construction of the bund there will aggravate the havoc that will be caused by the floods in the rainy season. Any way it has been finally decided by the Government to take up and complete the southern bund. I would, in this connection, remind the Government, that when they strengthen that bund and cover up all the breaches that exist on that bund now, the water will be held up and concentrated in a small area with the result that the pressure on the northern bund would be considerably increased. The condition of the northern bund is already very bad. There are very many weak spots on it already. I think that the Government will bear testimony to the fact that every year during floods large amounts used to be spent for repairing that bund in various places. I therefore submit that before they actually finish the work of strengthening the southern bund of the Karuvannur river they should also see that the northen bund is also made equally strong. Otherwise there is every danger of that bund being breached and large expanse of Oorakam fields will be flooded and hundreds of houses submerged and destroyed. May I request the Government to inform me what they think of the suggestions which I have placed before them now?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Joint Secretary to Government).*—The Hon'ble Member may rest assured that what he has said in this House would be duly considered by the Government.

Demand was put and carried.

19. Rs. 2,100 under '29-A. Civil Engineering—Miscellaneous Public Improvements—Repairs'.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Joint Secretary to Government).*—Sir, I rise to move for an additional grant of Rs. 2,100/- under "29 (a) Civil Engineering-Miscellaneous Public Improvements—Repairs." This is for improving and repairing the revetment walls of the Irwin Park. There is no provision made for this in this year's budget. Savings are not also available for reappropriation. Hence an allotment of Rs. 2,100 is required which the House may be pleased to grant.

Demand was put and carried.

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